



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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**SUBJECT: PROJECT NO. 99091-(4)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 201100046
COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 201200007
April 16, 2013 Continued Public Hearing
Agenda Item No. 2**

Agenda Item No. 2 is Conditional Use Permit No. 201100046 and Coastal Development Permit No. 201200007. The applicant, Verizon Wireless, seeks to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility co-located with a above-ground Southern California Edison water tank. The project site is located on a ridgeline southeast of Two Harbors on Santa Catalina Island.

This item was continued from the previous public hearing date of March 19, 2013. The applicant had originally proposed to add two microwave dishes mounted on separate monopoles with heights of 14 feet and 32 feet above grade, respectively. However, after the preparation of the previous staff report, the applicant submitted revised plans showing an increase in height for the monopoles to 22 feet, 6 inches and 53 feet, 6 inches above grade, respectively. Because of this, staff requested additional time to analyze the visual impact of the facilities' increased height and to allow the applicant to submit revised photo simulations.

Revised photo simulations were submitted to staff today, April 4, 2013. Based on these, staff concludes that the tallest of the microwave dishes would be significantly visible, even from a significant distance away. Therefore, staff requests that the applicant either lower the height of this structure to a height lower than or equal to the existing water tank (46 feet above grade) or, alternatively, submit wireless coverage maps indicating the necessity of microwave dishes at the proposed heights. These coverage maps should depict existing wireless coverage, anticipated wireless coverage with facilities at their originally proposed heights (14 feet and 32 feet above grade), and anticipated wireless coverage with facilities at their currently proposed heights (22 feet 6 inches and 53 feet 6 inches above grade).

To allow sufficient time for the applicant to prepare the requested documents and for Regional Planning staff to analyze them, staff recommends that the hearing be continued to June 4, 2013.

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